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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

**Technology Center 2100** 

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a TWO (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Non-final Office Action, dated November 13, 2003. The new period for response will expire April 13, 2004.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee for this Petition to Deposit Account No.: 50-0749 in the amount of \$420.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

In the event the requested extension of time is insufficient, consider this as a Petition for an extension for the required period and charge the fee required to the Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories, Inc. Deposit Account No.: 50-0749.

A response to the outstanding Non-Final Office Action is being filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC RESEARCH LABORATORIES, INC.

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